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RAISE IN GAS TO **BEFOUGHT BY OUR BOARD OF TRADE**

The Jump of 75 Per Cent at One Time Arouses Much Indignation.

The Board of Trade held a special cufing lelief from the burden of the ing us to go to h—1?"

75 per cent increase in the price of natural gas put into effect in Louisa by the United Fuel Gas Company in A. Alba the interview was closed.

The meeting was called to order by

of interest was shown.

Those who took prominent part in the discussion were R. C. McClure.
G. W. Castle, W. T. Cain, Dr. T D. Burgess, F. H. Yates, Jay H. Northup

and G. W. Atkinson.

A resolution offered by Dr. Burgess
was adopted providing for the appointwas adopted providing for the appoint-ment of a committee of five to represent the Board of Trade in a move-ment to secure relief legislation. This ment to secure relief legislation. This committee was instructed to use the wires in requesting a number of other counties to join in this effort. Upon an agreed day, probably next Friday, it is proposed to have committees from all these counties meet in Frankford and endeavor to secure legislation that will prevent the discrimination and profiteering now being indulged in sering now being indulged in by the gas company.

The committee appointed is as fol-sm: W. T. Cain, Dr. T. D. Burgess, C. McClure, Jay H. Northup and M.

in the event any of these men find it impossible to make the trip to Frank fort at the time finally decided upon, the President of the Board of Trade authorized and instructed to appoint substitutes who can go. Also, an invitation was extended to any and all citizens who will join the committee on

the trip.

Martin and Boyd countles, as well

Martin county gas in bought by this company as low as \$100 per year per well, and from 314 to 6 cents per thou-sand cubic feet from wells drilled by other people. The company sells it back to Martin county consumers and to the adjoining county of Lawrence for 35c net. These lines were all laid when pipe and labor were down to the lowest prices. The high prices have lowest prices. The high prices have scarcely touched the gas company. They pay no more for the gas, but it was declared at the meeting that the gas company management has always own a spirit of retaliation when any increase in taxes is made on their proporty, or any action taken that these

cents net while we are charged Jac on this side of the river. Huntington, Kenova. Ceredo and other West Virginia cities have the cheap rates.

Lawyers present at the meeting stated that the Kentucky Legislature has power to stop this unjust discrimina-

tion and it is the plain duty of that body to do so.

For A State School.

G. W. Atknson, just home from Frankfort, reported that he had been working on a proposition to have a with Louisa as the location. There would then be the Western, Central d Eastern Kentucky State Norma He reports enough encour ent to justify the introduction of a bill proposing that arrangement and he is at work on it. The proposed bill wil be presented to the Board of Trade for consideration at a special meeting to be held for that purpose on Salurday night of this week at 7:30.

Inquiry As To Roads.

A motion was adopted requesting the committee that goes to Frankfort to call at the State Roads department and urge the quickest possible action the surveys necessary to securing the State and Federal aid for Lawrence county hard roads.

Ashland's Experience. The following article from the Ash-land Independent was read in the

meeting:
Recently a meeting was held in the office of Mayor H. R. Dysard of Ashland in which the gas situation in the city was discussed in all of its bear-

This is a matter that comes vitally home to each and every citizen of Ashland. It was brought up at the

Puel & Gas company is anxious to sev- vis, of Hopkinsville, to succeed him. or its connection with Ashland owing Davis formerly was Sheriff of Christotroubles it has in connection with to troubles it has in connection with a forfeiture in Louisville if gas is not Deputy Sheriff. His appointment was furnished there according to contract. recommended by Bishop Woodcock, of

laws to govern the gas supply and the

The conference that took place in Mayor Dysard's office was with Mr. Altheizer of the gas company. Mayor Harper of Catlettsburg, City Solicitor S. S. Willis of Ashland, Councilman Mcintyre and several others were pres-

Mr. Altheizer when asked about a reduction on the rate charged ashland laughed and told those present that they could expect a raise. He explained the rate in Huntington by saying the laws governed the matter up there.

Finally, Mayor Dysard, getting out of patience over the matter said, "Mr Altheiger, instead of coming all of the way down here, wasting your time and meeting Wednesday evening at the city breath, why didn't you just send us a hall to consider ways and means of se-

As the situation stands, as several at council meeting agreed, unless the at council meeting agreed, unless the years. The growing demand for crude state legislature makes a drastic law of this grade is estimated as the cause governing the natural gas supply and for the advance at this time, as other President A Snyder. Secretary M. N. state legislature makes a drastic law of this grade is estimated as the cause governing the natural gas supply and for the advance at this time, as other tis cost, the public in Ashiand is at grades were not advanced at the same the mercy of the gas people and are time.

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native of Red Bush, Johnson-co., and has passed up a good and sure thing went to California and located eigh- for an oftime failure and disappoint-

TO RAISE TAXES ON COAL LANDS

Senator Auxier Proposes to Extend the Inquiry to Tobacco Also.

resolution providing for appointment higher than at this time last of four Senators to investigate and report if mineral lands in Kentucky are paying their just proportion of taxes. is a keen incentive for increasing He said that he had heard it charged duction. The one and two barrel p acre, when, in fact, they are worth a few operators are turning to aban-hundreds of dollars an acre, The pur-doned wells and are again equipping pose of the resoluton is to determine whether or not this land should pay a production or mineral tax.

An amendment was offered by Sen-

ator Auxier to provide for investiga-tion of the value of tobacco to determine if an excess tax on tobacco is justifiable.

This amendment brought forth a Foreman will lengthy debate in which Senator Brig new territory. H. Harris, J. Will Stoll, White L. Moss Fort Gay, W. Va., just across the river from Louisa, is being served now with Kentucky gas from the same main that supplies Louisa, at the price of 20 cents net while we are charged 35c on investigation should be made by Sen ators from tobacco-growing districts. Senators from mining sections asserted that mineral lands are paying their just proportion of taxes. The amendment lost, 18 to 17. The resolution then was passed, 23

> Senators Auxier and Monroe, Repub licans, and Senators Marshall and Nunn, Democrats, constitute the com-

CHAS. MUSIC TO

Frankfort, Ky.—Charles Music, Ash-land bandit, who shot and killed Po-

and thought his life was in danger.

"The proof ois conclusive that he was of such a desperate character as to take the life of anyone who sought to oppose him in his flight. He was a took over the Bed Rock acreage, will desertor from the samy, a burglar and a highwayman, '

L. R. Davis Appointed

Ashland. It was brought up at the Ashland of the city council on Monday night.

"Poor service and exorbitant cost" State Board of Control to-day accept. Was the cry. And then some more cost, until gas is now looked upon as one of the luxuries of the age.

It was freely stated that the United It was freely stated to It has \$3.25. The Cincinnati Enquire It at \$3.50, but this is incorrect.

In The Local Field.

The Ken-Pa Oil company will drill a well on Mrs. Margaret Stump's farm well on Mrs. Marg

OIL IS TAKING THE FRONT RANK IN KENTUCKY CIRCLES

Development is Just Reaching the Interesting Stage and Opportunities Are Plentiful. .

Perhaps as interesting an event as any of the past week in the crude oil industry was the quotation posted for 7 barrels.

Pennsylvania crude of \$5.25 per barrel, The following wells are not yet comwhich is practically the highest price pleted: paid for Eastern crude for over 50 Jas.

The absence of the chance of securing any heavy production in the East-ern fields makes the prediction safe VISIT IN 18 YEARS that there will be a prevailing high market for th shigh grade oil of this S. V. Frazier, of Trinity, California, field in the future. Many an operator was in Louisa Saturday. He had been who has disposed of settled production visiting relatives in Johnson and Lawing relatives in Johnson and Lawing relatives since October. He is a exciting experiences of the new fields

From present indications the coming aix feet in yesterday morning. It will summer season will see this field a-probably make a small pumper. mong the most active of any in the

Unlike more northern fields, Kentucky offers good defiling conditions the greater part of the winter and when the drill is inactive because of weather conditions it is for a few days only.

Better Prices.

Price changes are interesting the trade more than ever at this time. The posting of higher prices in the Eastern fields may be followed by another advance in the Kentucky product, as others, are in the same position as day Senator Jay W. Harlan offered a which now commands a price one third twas shown in the discussion that of four Senators to investigate and many of tollowed by another as others, are in the same position as day Senator Jay W. Harlan offered a which now commands a price one third resolution providing for appointment higher than at this time last year. The better grade in this field now commands \$3.25 per barrel. This price is a keen incentive for increasing pro that thousands of acres of coal land in ers, formerly abandoned as worthless, this state are being assessed at \$5 an are being nursed with care, while not

them for pumping.

Many new wells are starting in counties east of the Lee-Estill-Powell field, work being scattered over a dozen or more counties, extending to the Big Sandy valley and northeast to Law-rence county. In Boyd county, near the Lawrence county line, Patton & Foreman will drill two deep tests in

Deep Searches Started.

In Pike county, near Elkhorn City, New Yorkers are starting the first of three contemplated deep searches. Magoffin county has eight or ten new wells drilling. The Flesher Petroleum Company is at work near Salyersville and is preparing to start up on Middle Fork, while the W. S. Dudley Oil Co. has a rig up on Gun Creek. The Bed Rock Oil Company, which has drilled several producing wells, has two rigs up on the Wheeler & Griffin leases. Drilling on the Kelly tract, Turner, O. C. Atkins, H. E. Evans, W. M. Jus-Nay and others encountered half a tice and G. R. Lewis. Also, R. L. Vinmillion foot gas flow. This is in the northeastern edge of Magoffin.
In Knott county the Carter Oil Co.

has rigged up for two deep tests on the Hall lease. Across the lipe, in Floyd county, the same interests will drill several tests on Johns Creek.

Permission was granted J. W. M. Stewart for an addition to be built to his mother's residence on Main street.

Magoffin County Sale.

Philadelphia oil operators have just closed a deal for a large amount of the Lobaco company, presented a form acreage in Magorin county, according of franchise for electric light services acreage in Magoffin county, according land bandit, who shot and killed Poficeman Charles W Hatfield the night
of March 29, 1919, after the Brasg
hotel robbery, must go to the electric
chair March 10th. Governor Morrow
fixed the date, after refusing Music's
application for elemency
The Governor, in a statement, resaid. This buying is the sequel to the

according for the city of Louisa which that comnamy desires to acquire. It was read
not discussed to some extent and laid
over until the next regular meeting of
the council March 2nd. This franin lately, brought a good price, it is
than Paintsville and Pikeville do the The Governor, in a statement, reviewed the case, declared that Music admitted the robbery, admitted that certain sections of Magoffin county as his was attempting to escape and that well as a tremendous gas yield. As his only defense is the claim that when yet, Mazoffin is in the "wildcat" class. the officer called to him to stop, he development in the county so far hav-did not know he was an officer, but ing been limited to a few sections, altot him with the pistol in his hand However, results of drilling have encouraged new operations, and the price

launch a big campaign in the spring.
The Flesher Petroleum Company of Louisville, is moving to the Butler Kelly tract on Burning Fork to drill

This is money from all sources.

best record of any well in the field. Creek brothers, on the Point, are shut down waiting for casing.

During the past week the Ohio Fuel Oil company has added six new wells to their pumping list, three completed by their own machines, two by the National Drilling company, and one by contractor Tom Hays. The new wells and the probable results are as fol-

Thad Ransom, No. 1, about 7 bar-D. W. Diamond, No. 4, about 5 bar-

T. H. Burchett, No. 5, about 8 bar-

Jas. Grubb, No. 1, is drilling at 200 feet; E. E. Shannon, No. 1, 300 feet; J. H. Diamond, No. 2, 1100 feet; L. S.

A. Blankenship, No. 3, 1400 feet; W B. Pfost, No. 2, 1350 feet, Arnes Drill-

ing Machine Conley and Burgess (Luke Watkins) 1000 feet, Richmond Drilling Machine, Drilling machines are moving in or etting up on the following farms:

Hester Carter, well No. 4, Pricey Chapman, No. 2, Thad Ransom, No. 2, Ohio Fuel Machines. L. N. Hutchison, No. 4. Richmond

Drilling Co. Machine. J. L. Clark, No. 4, Joe Carter, No. 2, F. Diamond, No. 2, National Drill-

Slagel brothers well on Rich creek is at the top of the Berea sand. Well No. 1 on James Hughes, or Morgan's creek is now in the sand and a small showing of oil was found about

In Elliott County. The well being drilled just over in Ellioti-co., near Sarah postoffice, by Summers & Pauley has found no Injun sand where it should have occur-red. The drilling will continue to the Berea. This is on H. H. Evans' farm.

Jeff Collinsworth Wins in Appellate Court

The daily newspapers reported the Lawrence county case of Jeff Collins-worth on Wednesday of last week in way that it was construed to mean just the reverse of what the

Court of Appeals had decided.

A copy of the decision was received Friday by F. M. Vinson, attorney for Collinsworth, showing that he had won all the amount sued for except about \$400, and most of the \$400 is left in ondition that sufficient proof will reove rit.

This is the case of Collinsworth gainst Bower & Bower, cattle dealers of Cleveland, Ohio. The suit is the result of disagreements in settlement of several carrie deals. Mr. Collins

CITY COUNCIL HAS FRANCHISE OFFER

The City Council met in regular ses ion Tuesday evening with the follow-

Mayor A. Snyder, Dr. T. D. Burges son, city clerk.

The consideration and payment of

bills, and other routine matters reeeived attention.

his mother's residence on Main street, as the plan proposed would not increase the fire hazard.
Attorney F. M. Vinson, representing larger consumers and between those

Plenty of Funds Ready for West Virginia Roads

two to smaller users.

Charleston W. Va.—Approximately \$20,000,000 will be available in West

ANOTHER DEATH FROM INFLUENZA IN THIS COUNTY

KENTUCKY SHOWS LARGEST GAIN IN OIL RUN IN 1919

Hannah Lackey well No. 4 will make bout a 10 barrel pumper. W. F. Austin, No. 4, about 10 baris the Real Test of Any Field.

Big wells and dry holes may be credted to an oil field without giving a definite index to that field's standing; but pipe line runs tell the tale in cold figures. All rumors, reports and estimates must step down when figures of the pipe lines are brought out. The hand of the "wise ones" who sneer at the State's importance in the oil in-

dustry is called. The report, carrying yearly pipe line traffic figures issued by the Standard Oil Companies, and just published says: "Cumberland Pipe Line Company showed the largest increase in oil run from wells ,the gain over 1918 amount-ing to 1,225,726 barrels, showing the results of cotinued expansions to its lnes in the new Kentucky pools. sides the Cumberland Pipe Line, there are nearly a dozen other companies taking oil from the Kentucky fields. In all, the Cumberland run 5,250,676 barrels of oil from wells in Kentucky during 1919.

There are eleven Standard Oil pipe line companies serving the various fields of the country, and of all these the Kentucky company shows by far the largest increase in oil runs during 1919. This should be gratifying to friends of the Kentucky oil industry and at the same time serve to inform the skeptic

COAL OPERATORS PRESENT THEIR SIDE OF THE CASE

Washington.-Submitting statistics on net earnings for 1919 of representative bituminous mines producing more than 30 per cent of the total output in the Central Competitive Field, operators told the Coal Strike Settlement Commission that if the present 14 per cent wage increase were applied throughout the year 1926 these com-panies, on a basis of their 1919 tonnage, would "realize less than 1 per cent net return on the capital invest-

Any increase in wages above that amount, they declared, would mean a correspondingly greater deficit below the recognized equitable return of 6 ner of Main and Main Cross streets. per cent.

Figures introduced by the operators showed, they said, that if the 14 per ent wage increase had applied through 1919 the mines embraced in the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association which turned out more than \$6,000, 000 or 30 cents a ton on the total outout of the central field, would faced a deficit of more than \$6,000,000 or 30 cents a ton on a basis of 6 per cent return on capital invested. This condition would have been ap-

proximated closely, the commission was told, by operations represented in the Pittsburgh vein operators 'associa tions and the Central Illinois Coal Bureau, as shown by 1919 net earnings Mines embraced in the Southern Ohlo Coal Exchange, the Indiana Coal Operators' Association and in other large association districts, the operaors contended, would have nothing left as compensation for invested capi

Net earnings of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association not only would be wiped by deduction of a 14 per cent more increase for the twelve months of 1919, it was said, but would fall "nearly \$1,300,000 of meeting ex-

LOCAL CAVALRY TROOP COMPLETE

for a troop of cavary, organised by fortunate in latery and application will be made for the horses and other equipmanager of Shiuman, Williams & Nash

Following is the list:

Charleston, W. Va.—Approximately \$20,000,000 will be available in West Virginia for coad construction in 1920 it was announced by Major C. P. Fortney, chairman of the State Road Commission, his figures being based on religious in the five division engineers. This is money from all sources.

SPENCER SELLS

HIS HOME PLACE

R. B. Spencer, salesman for Dixon, Moore & Co., has sold his small farm near the mouth of Georges Creek to Hiekman brothers. He has disposed of his store also and expects to move to Louisa about March 1st.

ANOTHER DEATH FROM

INFLUENZA IN THIS COUNTY

D. L. Thompson, C. F. See, J. B. Burton, Proctor Sparks, Pat Fraley, Ashland Independent.

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And Hulett, M. L. Burton, Proctor Sparks, Pat Fraley, Ashland Independent.

Ashland Independent.

DENTAL SOCIETY MET.

At a very enthusiastic meeting of local dentists and many from surrounding territory the reorganization of the Shannon, Amsy Mead, Mont Pigg.

Herton Hewlett, Chas. Endcott, Benard Shannon, Amsy Mead, Mont Pigg.

Herton Hewlett, Homer Wellman, William R. Bartram, Blaine Meade, Baz Wellman, Lee Patrick, James Berry, David Adams, D. B. Adamo, Connie Moore, Robert Johnson, Benson Burgess, Bud Webb, A. J. Austin, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Muncey, Wade Muncey, E. W. Potter, Russell; H. K. Justice, Brown, Lewis Moore, Ted Muncey, Herbert Brown, John Meade, Edward Skeins, Carl Parker, Ova Gussier, Everet Watknis, Jim Hale, Claud Esteveret Watknis, Jim Hale, Claud D. L. Thompson, C. F. See, J. B to troubles it has in connection with tian county and at the present time is a forfeiture in Louisville if gas is not a forfeiture in Louisville if gas is not furnished there according to contract. It has no franchise in the city of It has no franchise in the city of Ashland and it is stated, does not want one. The company is free to withdraw one. The company is free to withdraw Gas in this city is \$5 cents per 1960.

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THOMPSON-ADAMS.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place just Saturday morning about 11 o'clock at the residence of Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the Baptist Church of this place, when Lieut. Eskel L. Adams and Miss Maude Elizabeth Thompson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Mrs. Adams is the daughter of D. J. Thompson of Jattie. She is

of D. J. Thompson of Jattie. She is among Lawrence county's most prominent teachers and has won many friends in this city where she has attended the K. N. C. for two years.

Mr. Adams is a young man of high moral character. He was a first class teacher in this county until he was called into Uncle Sam's service where he served fourteen months and received his commission as lieutenant. ceived his commission as lieutenant. Mrs. W. K. Hayes, sister of the bride and Miss Reba Adams, sister of the groom, were the only ones phesent.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are deserving young people and we extend to them

our heartiest congratulations.

They left on the N. & W. Saturday afternoon for Midland, Penn., where the ywill make their home. Mr. Adams is a ninspector in the steel mills there

SPECIAL MEETING OF LOUISA BOARD OF TRADE

A special meeting of the Louisa Board of Trade is hereby called to convene at the council chamber at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 7th, for the purpose of excertaining and expressing community sentiment relative to form ing a new Normal School district to include Louisa.

AUG. SNYDER, President. Attest: 'N. M. ORR, Secretary

DEATH FROM INFLUENZA.

A daughter of Mr. Vol Artrip died at his home a few miles east of Fort Gay last week. She had contracted influenza while in Ohio. A family of neighbors who assisted during the illness and funeral contracted the dis-case and II cases resulted. This shows how contagious the disease is. About the only cases we have heard of in this vicinity have been brought in by per-sons who have been exposed elsewhere

DEWEY TAYLOR SICK.

Dewsy, son of James Taylor, of Gien-wood, is very ill at Berea, where he has been attending school. Following a severe case of measies he has been subjected to a surgical operation this week and his condition is reported to be quite serious. He is a nephew of Sheriff Wm. Taylor.

E. E. SHANNON HAS "FLU." Representative Shannon, of this place, was attacked by influenza at

Frankfort last Saturday and was very sick for a day or two. Latest reports say he is considerably improved and expects to be out soon.

NEW BUILDINGS.

W. M. Fulkerson will soon have plans for a three story building on the cor-E. V. Cole is planning to erect a building opposite the passenger sta-tion on a lot purchased from J. P. Gar-It will be used for a cafe and tin. rooming house.

CHAPMAN WILL NOT CHANGE. George W. Chayman tells us that he has decided to remain with the lumber company that he has been asso-ciated with for quite a while. Recently a change was announced, but under a new proposition he decided to remain

with the same company, HER 78th BIRTHDAY.

On Tuesday of this week Mrs. F. R. Moore celebrated her 78th birthday. Her husband, "Uncle Tip" will be 80 years old in April. They have been married 60 years November 28th. Relatives who were their guests for dinrer on Tuesday were Mrs. W. F. Far-ley and daughter, Mildred, of Holden, W. Va., Mrs. Hannab, W. V. W. Va., Mrs Hannah M. Lackey, Miss Margaret Lackey, Richard Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Heston.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Eskel Adame, 24, to Maud Elizabeth Thompson, 24. Eck Berry, 13, to Mollie Thompson, 19, of Cherokee. Wm. Marion Parker, 22, to Mollie

Church, 18, of Blaine. G. A. NASH ACCEPTS POSITION G. A. Nuch has accepted a position with Josselson and Son, the clothiers.

for a troop of cavalry, organized by fortunate in having Mr. Nash in con-This is one of the largest business ment necessary to starting the work of store for a number of years. He is courteous and obliging and will be an acquisition to this up to date firm. Ashland Independent.